

## NOTICE OF CHANGE -Certificates-

Effective Friday, April 1, 2005, all certificates issued by the Business Programs Division will have the signature of our new Secretary of State, Bruce McPherson.

In addition, the California Secretary of State is currently undergoing an extensive Business Programs Automation ("BPA") Project applicable to business entity filing and order requests made with this office. Once the new system is implemented, all certificates (of preparation, comparison, filing, status/good standing, qualification and registration) generated by the Business Entities Section of the Business Programs Division will be electronically printed in black ink on standard white paper. While the BPA project remains ongoing, as a pre-curser to its implementation, all certificates generated by the Business Entities Section on or after March 5, 2005, will be black and white. In addition, all notary public commission certificates and Special Filings certificates will be black and white.

Your cooperation in honoring our certificates is requested. A copy of this notice is posted on our website at **www.ss.ca.gov** under the California Business Portal. If you have any questions, you may call (916) 657-5448.